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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: In the Specification, paragraph 1 has been amended as follows:

[0001] The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/803,689, filed on March [17] 18, 2004, and entitled "Biodegradable Downhole Tools," which is owned by the assignee thereof, and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-65 in the reply filed on 3/27/06 is acknowledged.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-65 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Gregg '579 reference is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, which discloses a degradable injection pipe in coal seam degasification operation, however '579 reference at least fails to teach or suggest the well tool comprising at least one fiber and a

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biodegradable resin that is decomposable in a wellbore environment. The prior art of record also fails to teach the use of fiber and biodegradable material in a well tools wherein the well tools defined in the specification as "one-time" use tool including well plugs, downhole darts, and drillable packers etc.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank S. Tsay whose telephone number is (571) 272-7038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 7:30am-5:00 pm, 2nd Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Bagnell can be reached on (571)272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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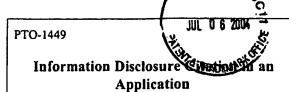
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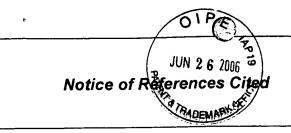
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